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Application of: Choong-Chin Liew	Examiner: Jennifer Ann Dunston
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 16, 2006. A five month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this response to restriction requirement and Amendment. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No. 204231/2032

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Please enter the following amendments and remarks.